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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELLS WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF ITS ASSETS

8 AND FOR THE TRANSFER OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND

NECESSITY TO ACME WATER, LLC.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WILHOIT WATER COMPANY, INC.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 16, 2011, Dells Water Company, Inc. ("DWC") and Wilhoit Water Company, Inc. ("WWC") (collectively "the Utilities") each filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of the sale of their assets and the transfer of their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&Ns") to ACME Water, LLC ("ACME"). The Utilities each provide water services to various parts of Yavapai County, Arizona, pursuant to their respective CC&Ns.

On July 5, 2011, DWC and WWC each docketed certification that notice of the applications had been mailed and published in their respective CC&N service areas.

On December 16, 2011, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed Staff Reports in each docket recommending approval of both DWC's and WWC's application.

On December 23, 2011, DWC and WWC each filed a letter in their respective abovecaptioned dockets stating the Utilities had no objections to Staff's recommendations and requested that the dockets be consolidated for purposes of hearing. No objections to the Utilities' requests for consolidation of these matters were filed.

On January 10, 2012, by Procedural Order, the above-captioned dockets were consolidated. Because both of the applications filed on behalf of DWC and WWC were signed by Mr. Jim West, acting as Manager for both DWC and WWC, the utilities were directed to file documentation from either their attorney or a representative verifying that the applications for the sale of assets and transfer of CC&Ns had been filed on behalf of the Utilities. Further, the timeclock in this matter was suspended.

On January 18, 2012, Douglas G. Martin, Esq., filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of DWC and WWC.

On February 13, 2012, by Procedural Order, the matter was set for hearing to begin on April 9, 2012, public notice was ordered, and other procedural deadlines were established.

On March 22, 2012, Baca Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Lakeside Water Company ("Baca") filed a Motion to Intervene ("Motion") in this proceeding. The Motion stated that Baca is the owner of several parcels of land which include homes that are currently being served by DWC, and that Baca has an interest in the continuation of service to its parcels by DWC if the transfer and sale of assets is completed. No objections to Baca's Motion were filed.

On April 2, 2012, a Procedural Order was issued granting Baca intervention in this matter.

On April 9, 2012, a full public hearing was held. DWC, WWC, and Staff appeared through counsel. Baca did not appear for the hearing and no members of the public were present to give public comments. At the conclusion of the hearing, Staff was directed to file, by May 11, 2012, a Supplemental Staff Report addressing DWC's and WWC's compliance with previous Commission Decisions and ADEQ requirements. Further, Staff was directed to file any additional recommendations in its Supplemental Staff Report and the Companies were ordered to docket any ADEQ Consent Orders currently in effect.

On May 9, 2012, an executed agreement between WWC and Walden Meadows Community Coop, and copies of various ADEQ Consent Orders were docketed.

On May 16, 2012, Staff filed a request for an extension of time, until May 22, 2012, to file its Supplemental Staff Report.

Given that the ADEQ Consent Orders to be addressed in Staff's Supplemental Staff Report

were docketed only two days prior to Staff's deadline, it is appropriate to grant Staff's request for an extension of time until May 22, 2012. Further, it is appropriate to extend the time, until June 8, 2012, for WWC and DWC to file a response to Staff's Supplemental Staff Report.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Staff's request to for an extension of time, until May 22, 2012, to file its Supplemental Staff Report is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Wilhoit Water Company and/or Dells Water Company may file, by June 8, 2012, a response to Staff's Supplemental Staff Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation to appear at all hearings, procedural conferences, and Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative Law Judge or Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this The day of May, 2012.

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